THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) An updating survey for gauge conversion of Bhojipura-Lucknow via Pilibhit, Lakhimpur & Sitapur was conducted in 2004-05 as per which the cost of conversion of 301.79 Kms long line was assessed as Rs. 473.50 crore. The proposal could not be considered in view of unremunerative nature of the project, constraint of resources and heavy throwforward of ongoing projects. Further, Bhojipura-Bareilly has already been taken up as a part of Kanpur-Kasganj-Mathura-Bareilly-Lalkua (544.50 Kms) gauge conversion project.

Gauge conversion on Sarai Rohilla-Gurgaon-Rewari section

1932. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gauge conversion work on the Sarai Rohilla-Gurgaon-Rewari section has since been completed;

(b) if not the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the work is likely to be completed;

(d) whether the work on electrification of the said route is likely to be started;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The work is being done in two Phases. In the first phase, through traffic between Rewari-Delhi Cantt. is expected to commence by the end of August, 2006 and in the second phase involving completion of signalling work to effect changes is likely to be completed by 31.03.07.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Due to relative priority for electrification of other high density routes, there is at present no proposal to electrify this section.